MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the honourable member be pleased to illustrate at least one instance?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: May I Sir?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I have got here a file which has been chosen at random. The amount claimed on account of salary in the case of this particular school (Bethany Balikamadom E. H. S. for Girls, Nangiyrkulam) is Rs. 6870-27-8. Out of this a deduction of Rs. 1881-4-4-was made. The Management has allowed Rs. 120, 110, 80, 60 &c. to the graduate teachers without previous teaching experience and who have put in only a service of one or two years. Only reasonable rates, as admissible in Government schools, have been allowed and the balance disallowed.

Again in the case of this school the Manager has claimed a sum of Rs. 424-27-3 under "other items of expenditure" of which only Rs. 106-7-0 was admissible under the rules. Hence the balance was disallowed.

Alleppey-Quilon Road.

312 *MR. M L. JANARDANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether complaints have been received from the Chambers of Commerce at Alleppey about the bad condition of the Alleppey-Quilon road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Is the member aware that the road is in an extremely bad condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir, I do not agree that the road is in an extremely bad condition: there are some portions of the road which are not as good as we would like them to be. The road is being maintained as well as possible with the maintenance grant available.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: When did the Chief Engineer travel along the road last?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: About six months ago.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Has he received any report about the condition of the road since then?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir; It is reported that miles 46, 49 and 52 to 54, require metalling; an estimate has seen prepared for that, and the work is awaiting funds.

Mampalathana Reservoir.

313 * MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any investigation has been conducted regarding the construction of a supplementary reservoir in Mampalathana, Aloor pakuthy, Kalkulam taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes. The preliminary investigation has been conducted. As the scheme is found to be costly and as the storage that could be secured is very small, the question of the reservoir at the site has been recommended to be dropped.

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MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the probable cost of the scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Rs. 75,400.

MR. C. JABAMONY NADAR: May I know the approximate quantity of storage that can be secured by that scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: 55 acre feet, enough for 23 acres.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Has the Chief Engineer visited the locality?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Was the opinion of the Irrigation Committee obtained before the scheme was dropped?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No Sir. I have already stated, Sir, that we would have to spend Rs. 75,400 for pvoviding enough water to irrigate 23 acres only.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Who was the officer that prepared the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The Divisional Officer, Nagercoil.

A road from Anamalai to M. C. Road.

314 * **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to construct a road from Anamalai to the M. C. road; and

(*b*) what progress, if any, they have made in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) No;

(*b*) A preliminary investigation has been made and the matter is under consideration.

The Angamali-Parur road.

315 * **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations regarding the construction of the second section of the Angamali-Parur road;

(*b*) when was the first section completed; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, they have taken in the matter.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1935.

(*c*) A preliminary investigation has been made.

Appointments in Public Service from the Nadar Community.

316 * **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Nadar candidates who have applied for appointments in the scale of Rs. 25 to 40 in the Public Service Department from the date of the operation of the Public Service Recruitment Rules 1111 till 30-4-1113;

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